Supply of gas to MSEB

203. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has quoted a price of Rs.l6/MMBTU for the gas produced in Bombay High to Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) gas is also sold at market price by ONGC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) participated in an open tender by MAHAGENCO (*erstwhile* Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB). On conclusion of tender process, MAHAGENCO placed letter of Award (LOA) on ONGC on 28.8.2008 for supply of 1 mmscmd of gas at MAHAGENCO, GTPS, Uran from 1.9.2008 to 30.11.2008 (three months) at a price of USD 11/mmbtu, which was accepted by ONGC. Thus ONGC supplied non-APM gas to MAHAGENCO under the said LOA.

(c) and (d) According to information made available by ONGC, it supplies APM gas at APM rate. However, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas's Gas Pricing Order dated 20.6.2005 does envisage supply of APM gas to non-APM customers and *vice versa* by GAIL (India) Ltd., owing to existing supply linkages and operational requirements, as a self-balancing mechanism.

Requirement of petroleum products

†204.SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steep increase in the requirement of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the estimated requirement of these products after fifteen years;

(c) whether Government has formulated or proposes to formulate any plan to deal with this problem;

(d) whether Government is exploring any other alternative; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the Integrated Energy Policy Report approved by the Government of India, demand for oil is estimated to be in the range of 350-486 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) in the year 2031-32.

(c) to (e) The Government has formulated the following plans to meet future requirements of petroleum products:

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